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Please join me in supporting our Lobby in Washington, D. C. A special offering from each Metropolitan Community Church can make a great difference in G.R.N.L.'s ability to properly represent us on Capitol Hill.

In Christ,

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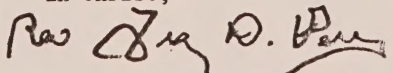
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